## PUBLIC COMMENT REQUESTED ON NUTRIENT-MANAGEMENT RULES

The Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission asks the public to comment on rules implementing legislative Acts 1059, 1060, and 1061 of 2003.

A public hearing will be held in Little Rock March 12th at 1PM at the Commission's offices, and a hearing will be held on March 15 at 6PM at the Yellville-Summit, 1124 N. Panther St.

A hearing at the River Valley Poultry Symposium in Dardanelle was cancelled because poultry farmers have instituted precautions after the detection of avian flu in a flock in Gonzales, Texas.

The Commission plans to adopt four sets of rules governing: the Poultry Feeding Operations Registration Program, the Nutrient Management Planner Certification Program, the Nutrient Management Applicator Cert. Program, and the Soil Nutrient and Poultry Litter Application and Management Program.

The proposed rules may be viewed at <a href="www.arkansas.gov/aswcc">www.arkansas.gov/aswcc</a>, local Conservation District offices, and the Commission offices. The public may offer comment at hearings or by mail. The final date for public comment is March 31, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

Written comments may be mailed to:

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